

## Visitor Assistance Center Bird Checklist

The following is a list of birds that have been spotted in the local area around the dam, the grassy spillway, and the surrounding woodlands including the thinned forest stands along Jordan Dam Road. See if you can find them all, and please let us know if you see or hear something that is not on the list.

- Mallard (a domestic pair, not wild)
- Turkey Vulture (common, using dam tower as roost, perch area)
- Black Vulture (common)
- Double-crested Cormorant (common on open waters near buoy line in front of dam)
- Mourning Dove (common, especially at VAC feeders)
- Rock Pigeon (nesting on tower)
- Chimney Swift (overhead, neotropical migrant)
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird (neotropical migrant)
- Red-bellied Woodpecker (woodlands near Poe's Ridge Boat ramp)
- Eastern Wood-Pewee (burned, thinned stands, neotropical migrant)
- Great Crested Flycatcher (cavity nesting neotropical flycatcher)
- Red-eyed Vireo (abundant in woodlands with deciduous trees, neotropical migrant)
- Blue Jay (year-round in woodlands)
- American Crow (year-round)
- Fish Crow (abundant around the lake most of the year, much less common in winter)
- Purple Martin (martin houses, neotropical migrant)
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow (flying over the lake and spillway foraging, neotropical migrant)
- Tree Swallow (flying over the lake and spillway foraging, most are neotropical migrants)
- Cliff Swallow (a large colony nesting on the dam tower, neotropical migrant)
- Barn Swallow (foraging over the spillway area, neotropical migrant)
- Tufted Titmouse (resident cavity nester, will use boxes)
- Carolina Chickadee (resident cavity nesters, will use boxes)
- Carolina Wren (several singing, resident)
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (woodlands, neotropical migrant)
- Eastern Bluebird (common year-round, nesting in boxes)
- Brown Thrasher (year-round, edges and shrubby areas)
- European Starling (sitting on one of the martin houses)
- Cedar waxwing (uncommon nester in piedmont, likely these still wandering)
- Pine Warbler (common, year-round, nests in pines)
- Common Yellowthroat (common in shrubby areas, especially in summer)
- Hooded Warbler (woodlands with thick understory/shrub layer, neotropical migrant)
- Yellow-breasted Chat (in shrubby areas and edges, neotropical migrant)
- Summer Tanager (especially common in thinned, open stands, neotropical migrant)
- Northern Cardinal (common resident)
- Blue Grosbeak (shrubby areas and edges, neotropical migrant)
- Rose Breasted Grosbeak (seen on feeders, common in woodlands, neotropical migrant)
- Indigo Bunting (abundant in shrubby areas and edges, neotropical migrant)
- Easter Towhee (resident in shrubby areas and edges)
- Chipping Sparrow (common in open woodlands and along edges of lake in shrubby areas)
- Red-winged Blackbird (year round, summer along edges of lake in shrubby areas)
- Common Grackle ( year-round, in large flocks in winter)
- House Finch (at feeder, year-round)
- American Goldfinch (abundant year-round, at feeders and woodland edges, nests later in summer)
- Osprey (fishing downstream of dam)
- Bald-eagle (nest upstream on lake seen occasionally near the dam)
- Red-tailed Hawk (perched near grassy fields and in flight)
- Great Blue Heron (downstream of dam along rip-rap)
- Wild Turkey (open woodlands)